



# Innovative Readiness Training Fact Sheet

The Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs oversees the Innovative Readiness Training (IRT) program.

Innovative Readiness Training is a civil-military program that promotes mutually beneficial partnerships between U.S. communities and the Department of Defense (DoD) to meet training and readiness requirements for Active, Guard & Reserve Service Members and units, while addressing public and civil-society needs.

Services include, but are not limited to: General medical, dental and optometry services, veterinary services, and engineering, construction and aerial spray projects. IRT is not for projects with limited military training value, commercial development, law enforcement or response to natural/manmade disasters.

Innovative Readiness Training contributes to the United States' increased:

- **SECURITY:** IRT projects align with military mission essential tasks that prepare service members and units to respond whenever the nation calls.
- **PROSPERITY:** IRT partnerships assist non-DoD organizations in realizing their visions for sustainable and thriving communities.
- **DEMOCRACY:** IRT missions fortify our democratic ideals by strengthening the bond between American citizens and the U.S. military, showcasing the diversity and operational excellence of those who work together to secure our nation's freedom.

Innovative Readiness Training:

- Many of the military providers and service members work as medical personnel and licensed professionals in the civilian sector.
- Is a wise taxpayer investment; enriching training with existing resources while creating value in American communities.
- Is cost-effective and often funded within existing military training budgets.
- Develops our force's proficiency in forging diverse partnerships, a capability that translates into the ability to form successful international alliances and coalitions.

Innovative Readiness Training partnerships may be requested by:

- Government entities: Federal, Regional, State, Local, State/Federally-recognized tribes.
- Youth and charitable organizations specified in law (32 U.S. Code 508).
- Other organizations (i.e. not-for-profit) may be considered for eligibility by the Department of Defense upon request by the military services if they would like to volunteer for a project.

For more information about Innovative Readiness Training, visit <http://irt.defense.gov>.